

# Montana Water Journal

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HJ15 Water Policy Options

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Yellowstone River

**“KOW”**



Water leaving the State

## **“Keep Our Water”**

Property values are subject to Existing available surface and underground water Rights.

### Sec. 3 Water Rights (3)

All surface, underground, flood and atmospheric water within the boundaries of the state are the property of the state for the use of its people.

Water: Use it or Lose it, “ Down stream and out of State”

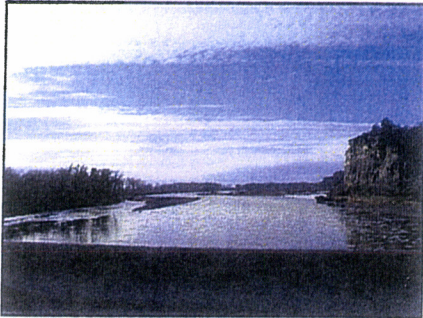
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# COMMON SENSE WATER FACTS

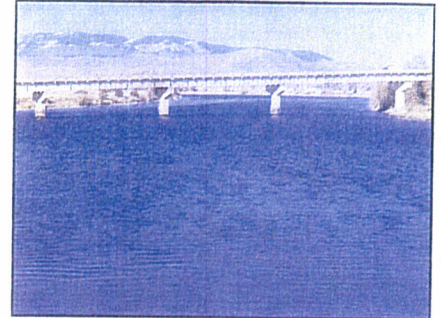
Montana is the #1 Headwaters State in the United States

YELLOWSTONE



**We Have Enormous  
Amounts of Water  
Leaving the State  
Everyday**

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## COMMON SENSE - WATER FACTS:

Every time a water right is taken away from a Montana Citizen it goes down the stream and out to other States for their economy and domestic use.

"Every drop of water" in Montana is replaced each year with enormous weather patterns as part of a predictable hydrologic water cycle.

Montanans export, after all use, consumption and evaporation 14,000,000,000 (YES 14 Trillion) Gallons of Surface water each year from the 5 major streams leaving the State.

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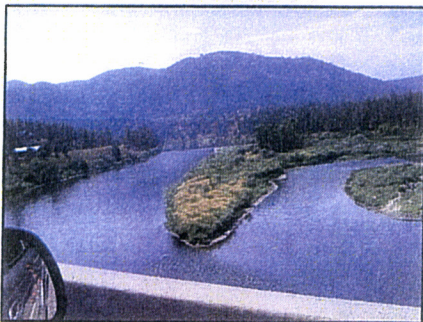
The upper Bitterroot aquifer alone holds 628 billion gallons of groundwater.



Montana uses only 2% of the surface water.

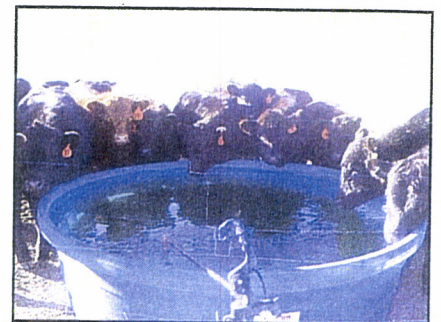
We are the **major supplier of water** for irrigation, barge traffic on the Mississippi, and for hydro electric generation and storage water for North Dakota's Garrison Dam, South Dakota's Oahe, Big Ben and Fort Randal Dams.

BITTERROOT



**Let's Use It**

**Not Lose It**



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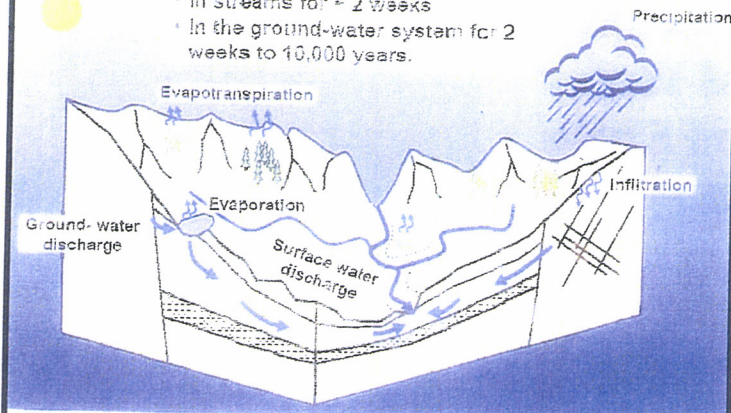


**100% Of Montana's Surface & Ground Water is replaced with Massive Weather Systems, Rain and Mountain Snow every year.**

**Stream Water is only 5% of Montana's Water Supply. 95% is underground for domestic well use.**

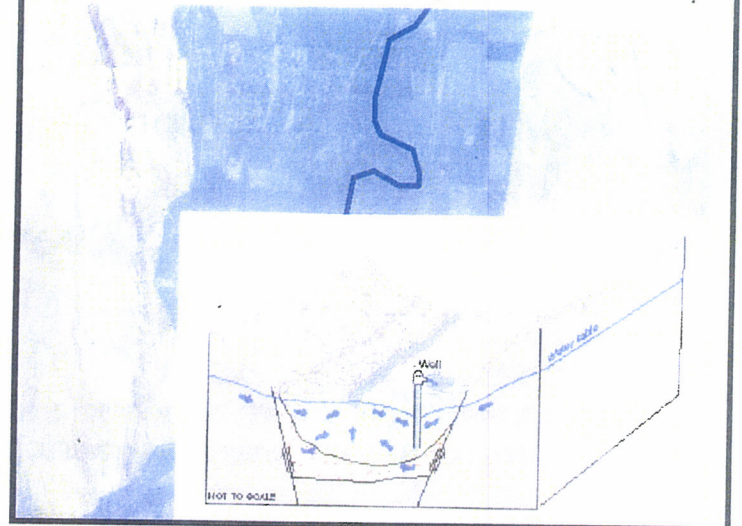
### Hydrologic Cycles and such

- In the atmosphere for 1-2 weeks
- In streams for ~ 2 weeks
- In the ground-water system for 2 weeks to 10,000 years.



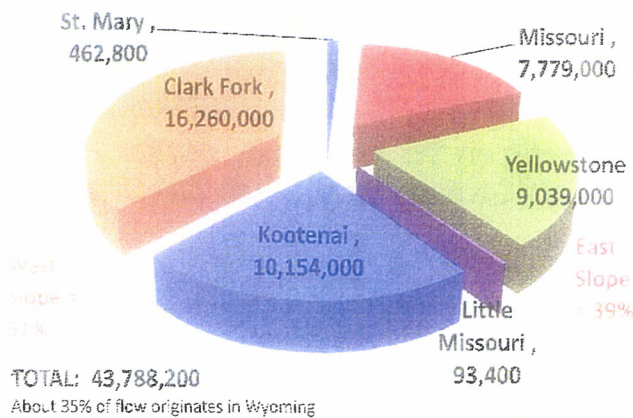
Source: Tom Patton, MBMG

### Groundwater: tributary v non-tributary



- 1. Montana ground water supply is estimated at 400 million acre feet.**
- 2. Surface water 43,788,200 Acre Feet Per Year = 14,000,000,000 (Trillion Gallons).**
- 3. Montana wells use less than .001% of the States Water Supply.**

### Water in Montana's Rivers Acre-feet per year, 1971-2000



**Apple says, "K.O.W." "KEEP OUR WATER" our 2,500,000 cows in Montana depend on well water.**

**We must stop the "your water is our water attitude" by Government Officials and special interests that threaten Montana's use of our most abundant renewable resource. Our founding fathers water diversion and dam storage for farm irrigation, hyro electric and recreation use produces Billions of dollars in economic growth each year. Use it or Lose Billions of Dollars in economic growth to other States.**

# Water resource Inventory Study

Study report must include

Average annual atmospheric moisture

- A. Snowfall
- B. Rain

Average in-stream Flow Exiting the state.

- a. Missouri
- B. Yellowstone
- C. Bitterroot
- D. Kootenai
- E. Mary

Ground water inventory

- A. All Closed Basins
- B. All areas outside closed basins

Identify aquifers

Domestic well inventories

- A. Number of domestic wells in state

Permitted wells in state


Identify major use

- A. Irrigation
- B. Municipal
- C. evaporation
- D Gravity
- E. Ranching
- F. Senior Water Rights
- G. Irrigation District Water Rights
- H. Federal Water Rights





## A Montana Water Rights Ballad




All Day we face those in a race to replace the laws on water, Cool Water  
My Neighbors and I are raising a cry to stop this try for water  
Cool, Well Water

These guys are cruel, Don't be a Fool, They sit and drool for Water  
Well Water  
It's quite a show, so we can't grown, they'll stop the flow of water  
Cool, Well, Water



### Chorus:

Keep a moving guy, Don't ya listen to their lie, We gotta wonder why  
They've made a plan so sly for water  
People can't you see that the DNRC wants our water runnin' free  
Leavin nothing there for you and me.... Water  
Cool, Well, Water




The skies make rain' plenty to sustain, from the mountains to the plain there's water  
Well Water  
An ain't it strange? No need for change. Are they deranged? There's water  
Cool, Well, Water

Our feet are sore from walking the floor to keep our store of water  
Well Water  
Gotta do our best. No time for rest. Can't stop our quest for water.  
Cool, Well, Water



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Words & Song By Frosty Erben  
With apologies to Sons of the Pioneers Bob Nolan and Tim Spencer  
Music Production and Vocals by Andy Wilson - Cimarron Band

